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Thanks for a job well done

As another year comes to a close I want to congratulate all BLM-Alaska employees for a job well done. We've all worked hard on various projects ranging from oil and gas leasing to studies on wild and scenic rivers. Next year will bring new challenges and rewards as we strive to better manage the public lands under our jurisdiction. Each one of you makes an important contribution to that land management effort and I thank you for your support and your continued hard work.

I'd also like to welcome to BLM those members of the MMS Onshore Division who recently joined BLM.

Have a joyous and safe holiday season.

MMS Onshore Division joins BLM

State Director Curt McVee and Associate Director Fred Wolf extend season's greetings to their BLM staff and a large BLM welcome to some new members. As of December 3, the onshore division of the Minerals Management Service and BLM were combined. The new division is known as the Minerals Management Office.

This issue of ALASKA PEOPLE is devoted to welcoming Joe Jones, Minerals Manager, his Deputy Manager Bob Goff and their 30 person staff as new partners with BLM in managing the public's minerals resources.

In greeting MMO, McVee said: "I'm impressed with the quality of professionalism in the Minerals Management Office

having worked with a number of them in the past on joint projects. I look forward to working with them in this closer arrangement. They already have made a major contribution and will continue to make one in resource management. I consider them now to be part of the total team with continued responsibility for the public's natural resources."

The news that alerted BLM-Alaska when it came December 3 read:

WATT ORDERS FURTHER STREAMLINING OF INTERIORS MINERAL LEASE ACTIVITIES

Watt orders further streamlining of Interior's Mineral Lease activities in a further streamlining of the Department of

the Interior's Mineral Leasing programs, Secretary James Watt today consolidated non-financial onshore activities into the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), abolished the Interim Minerals Management Service (MMS) to the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary for energy and minerals. The Minerals Management Service, created last January 19, will retain full responsibility for the entire offshore leasing and production program and will gain complete control of Mineral Royalty Management, onshore as well as offshore.

BLM employees associated with royalty management functions in BLM will be identified and assigned later to MMS.

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BLM FUNDRAISER IS A BIG SUCCESS !

**BLM Library
Denver Federal Center
Bldg. 50, OC-521
P.O. Box 25047
Denver, CO 80225**



New Rules for training issued

New rules for purchasing training were issued on October 1, 1982.

If the total tuition cost of a training course exceeds \$500, regardless of the number of people attending, Program Training Leaders must provide a justification for sole source, non-competitive procurement.

Items in the justification might include why the course is unique, why it is superior over other courses, if other courses are available and any savings to the government that might occur.

To help process training requests adequately, all Requests for Training-OF-182- should be submitted through the proper channels at *least* six weeks prior to the course.

For more information, call the State Office Procurement Branch at ext. 5052 or the Training Office at ext. 5043.

Once again, BLMers showed their generosity to those less fortunate during the annual State Office Christmas Fundraisers. During the two-week event, more than \$2,200 was raised for the various charities selected by the Christmas Committee.

Monies generated by this year's events were divided among several charities. These included \$1,000 to the Charles Boarding Home in Palmer, \$500 to Beans Cafe, two \$300 donations to needy families and 16 gifts to the Angel Tree in the Northway Mall.

The Bake Sale generated more than \$1,000 as State Office employees donated their baked goods. The fundraiser generated about \$1,200 for various charities.

Winners of the donated, handcrafted items were: Willa Mae Shore, Puffin Pastel and Birch Clock; Sandy Dunn, McKinley Photograph, Connie Teffteller, Glass Cheese Dome, Bobbie Knudsen, Santa and Mrs. Claus; Jim Podey, Macrame

Minerals management continued

Under the reorganization, BLM will have responsibility for environmental review of onshore mineral activities; resource classification and geoscientific and economic evaluation of leasable mineral tracts; issuance of leases and permits; and approval and direct supervision (inspection and enforcement programs) of both pre- and post-lease exploration and development operations. These responsibilities will provide for the extraction of such minerals by methods that minimize waste of resources and damage to the environment and lead to maximum recovery and conservation of the resource.

MMS will have responsibility of royalty management including those mineral revenue management activities currently within the BLM. In addition, the MMS will continue to exercise responsibility for offshore leasing.

Planter; Ann Adams, Twin Size Afgan; Laura Matus, Certificate for Cake Decoration; Sharon Janis, Etched Lead Glass Box; Cindy Allen, Caribou Pen and Ink Drawing; Fran Thompson, Jade Clock, Joe Essert, Photograph; Elaine Barankiewicz, Ceramic Platter; and Marilyn Benedict from GSA, Oil Painting.

Those donating items for the fundraiser were Dot Tideman, George Harper, Helen Elleven, Barbara Nather, Ruby Murphy, Shirley Perarman, Sue Michael, Sue Risinger, Curt McVee, Pat and Jerry Baker, Sandy Dunn, Frank Wonders, Pat Moreno and Joy Sanders.

The Christmas Committee would like to thank all of you who participated in the charity drive by bringing goodies to the bake sale or donating to the Fundraiser. Your talents and efforts are appreciated.

ALASKA PEOPLE is shorter this month to give everyone a well deserved break. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the production of this newsletter for their help and hard work. I'd especially like to thank Xenia Hough for her wizardry on the composer and for meeting my screwy deadlines, and Cliff Lignons in the Print Shop for always giving 110 percent. I'd also like to thank all those who've contributed stories during the past year. Have a happy and safe holiday.



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